



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

September 2

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

Fr Len Size (retired)

Parish Catechist

Kaye Clancy

Pastoral Care Worker

Loredana Iacobucci

Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Office hours

Mon, Tues, Fri 9:30-2:30

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 9:30am

Week Day Masses

Tuesday 6:00pm Mass and Novena

Thursday 9:15 am

First Thursday—Healing Mass

Confessions

Thursday 9:45 am

Baptism

Please contact the office.

Weddings

Please contact the office.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Principal: Jenny Rohan

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'You have seduced me, Lord!'

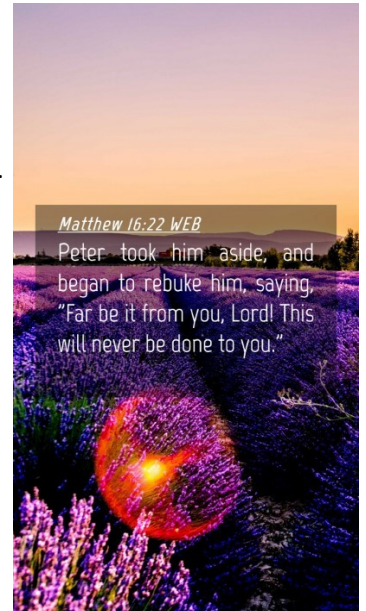
The prophet Jeremiah was captivated by God. His attachment meant that he suffered greatly at the hands of God's enemies but he also experienced a fire within, lit by God's love, that urged him on. We too can follow Jesus wholeheartedly only if we are captivated by him. Like Peter, we may remonstrate with Jesus as we struggle to understand his ways, but we will follow him faithfully along the way of the cross to the fullness of life.

Family Connection

Peter was expecting a Messiah that would carry out a different plan than the one Jesus had explained. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We too have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 16:21-27. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that your family will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our human imaginings.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>



Matthew 16:22 WEB

Peter took him aside, and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This will never be done to you."

Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them: Peter Harris, Diane Wood, Jenine Foster, Kevin Nix, Carmel Risson

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Readings next Week

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 33:7-9

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

The Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Parish Ministries September 2/3

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Frances Cassidy

Sunday 9:30 am

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm Jennifer de Korte

Sunday 9:30 am Jim Fuller
Bob Munro

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00pm Laptop: Matt Giuliano

Sunday 9:30 am Rohan Smith
Laptop: Jos Vandersman

Outreach Pastoral Care Ministry

Dear Parishioners,
Pastoral care is available @ Our Lady's, if you or someone you know would like to have a chat, please don't hesitate to call me on 0423 313 336 or e-mail loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au.
God bless Loredana

Parish Catechist- Kaye Clancy

For sacramental preparations for those not attending the Parish School, please contact Kaye via email Kaye.clancy@cam.org.au

Children's Liturgy—Sunday 9:30am Mass

Each Sunday during the school term. All school age children are welcome to attend.

1st Sunday of the Month—September 3

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—August 27

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm.

Filipino Mass: 4:00pm

Morning Tea

Why not stay awhile and find someone you haven't met yet? A good way to grow our community after 9:30 mass.

September 3—Team 3

September 17—Team 4



Father's Day Collection—This Weekend

Today's collection is for the Priests Retirement Foundation who cares for our Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Please donate using the envelopes available or electronically by logging on to: www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation and make your donation through Paypal. Thank you for your generous support of the Retired Priests.

100th Anniversary Video

If anyone would like to obtain a copy of the video that is running on the TV in the narthex, then please bring a USB stick with 3.4GB free. After Mass, take it to the PowerPoint operator who will copy it from the laptop to your USB.

Renovation Fundraising Update

Thank you for the continued generosity, we are over half way there, with **\$56348.50** in funds raised. (There are boxes in the narthex for donations.)

Contribute by Direct Debit to our **Repair and Maintenance Account: BSB 083 347 Account 534233044** and put your surname in reference line OR Envelopes are available if you would like to contribute by cash/cheque.

Our Lady's Table Tennis

Feel like a game of table tennis? Come along by yourself or bring a friend or two and join in the fun on Monday 10-12 in the Parish Hall. Wear appropriate footwear. We provide equipment and a cuppa. You give us \$3 and energy. New players welcome.

New to the Parish?

Please fill out a parish census card available in the Narthex and return to the office. Also you might like to consider participating in the Stewardship Program—forms available.

Child Safety

The Child Safety Officers (in high-vis vests) should be a first point of contact for any concerns regarding child safety. Remember we ask that children be accompanied by a parent or older sibling when they leave the church to go to the toilet in the Narthex

Pews for Sale

Yes there are still pews available for a donation to the renovation fund. If you would like to put in a request for one, please contact the Parish Office at ringwood@cam.org.au



Parish and School Fete Bookstall Reminder

Thank you to all the parishioners who have donated books thus far.

Today, I make a special request for children's books - fiction and non-fiction - that you no longer want.

That includes board books, picture books, chapter books and teen books.

Our Lady's Fete 2023– Calling for Support

The 2023 Our Lady's Fete is only two months away and we are still seeking a Stall Coordinator to run the Rides and Chips stalls. If you are able to assist, please contact Midge Phillips, our Stallholder Coordinator to discuss.

Do you own a business or know a of business who may be interested in sponsorship for our upcoming Fete? The Fete Committee are seeking sponsorship to assist with the running of our annual Fete. Attached is our sponsorship flyer, please feel free to offer this to any business you feel comfortable to contact. Any additional support we can secure prior to the running of our Fete greatly assists us in the attractions we can provide on the day and the funds we can return to our School and Parish after the event.

Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more information email. national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or phone 89124818.

Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year to raise awareness of child-abuse prevention in our communities. In 2023, the overarching message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be complemented with the theme 'Where we start matters':

- Where we start our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us and the opportunities presented to us makes a significant difference to our life outcomes.
- Where we start as a Catholic community in offering children and their families support and assistance makes a significant difference to life outcomes.

Where we start as decision-makers in addressing large, complex problems such as child abuse and neglect also has a significant impact on personal, social and economic outcomes.

Child Protection Week is a good time for us to think about how we, as adults, can address some of these issues that affect children and to consider how we can change things to make a difference.



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
3 - 9 September 2023

NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY @ OUR LADY'S

"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18

"Pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

For prayer requests, please call Loredana 0423 313 336 or contact the Parish Office.

Psalms 17: 6-9

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings from the wicked who are out to destroy me, from my mortal enemies who surround me.

**1 Our Father
3 Hail Mary
1 Glory be**



Stewardship Corner

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"-Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else. "We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Supporting the Parish

Through the Stewardship Program, parishioners are asked to pledge a weekly/monthly amount to the upkeep of the parish. This allows the parish to pay utility bills, insurance premiums, Archdiocese levies, purchase church supplies and pay staff wages. This amount is given as the "Thanksgiving Offering" and placed in the appropriate envelope or given as a direct debit. The 'Presbytery Offering' along with any loose cash contributes to the support of the Parish Priest. A percentage of the Presbytery collection is also required to be sent quarterly to the Archdiocese. Become part of the Stewardship Program, please contact the office for further information on how this can be done or click the link below to take you to CDFPAY and choose how you wish to support the parish.

to support our parish click [HERE](#).

Please nominate where you wish your support to go.

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month
Parish Finance Council:
Safeguarding Committee: Third Wednesday of Month
Time Out : Third Wednesday of Month 12 noon

Sharing from St. John's Parish Mitcham

Phone: 03 9401 6366 or 0402 330 128

Email: Mitcham@cam.org.au

Website: www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00a.m.

Weekend Mass Times

Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:15am, 5pm

Venue hire– St Johns

Call Manuela at St John's Parish Office for more information.

<https://stjohnsmitcham.com.au/venue-hire>

Christian Meditation

We meditate fortnightly. You are most welcome to join us. No experience needed. Free of charge. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to strengthen your connection to God, you must try this. To indicate your interest or for any enquiries: Chris Ryan at the Parish Office, 9401 6366. Or simply turn up on the night. Looking forward to seeing you!

House of Books

Finished your 'to be read pile'! Looking for a good book to read? Visit the House of Books, located at 508 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, next to St. John's Church. All books, CD's and DVD's have been donated and there are books for every taste, including fiction and non-fiction and an extensive children's section. Prices generally range from \$1-\$5. The Bookshop is open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays.

St Vincent de Paul

For welfare enquiries please call Vinnies on 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10am –3pm

Piety Stall Opened:

After 5:00pm Mass Saturday night and after 9:30 am Mass Sunday.

If we do not have what you are looking for, please advise, we are more than happy to order requests.

Please note we will no longer be opened on the afternoon of the fourth Sunday of the month.

CASH ONLY

Eastern Emergency Relief Centre.

This centre has been of great assistance when we need to ask for furniture, washing machines, fridges, beds and mattresses, etc. It is run by volunteers, and will accept the above, so long as it is in good condition. They have more access truck wise to picking up good quality donations.

Please consider them when you want to clear your home or downsize. Contact them on this No. 9874 8433

Many refugees have their homes filled from cutlery, dishes, furniture, all that is needed. Mattresses of all sizes are accepted as long as they are stain-free. They are also helping the environment.